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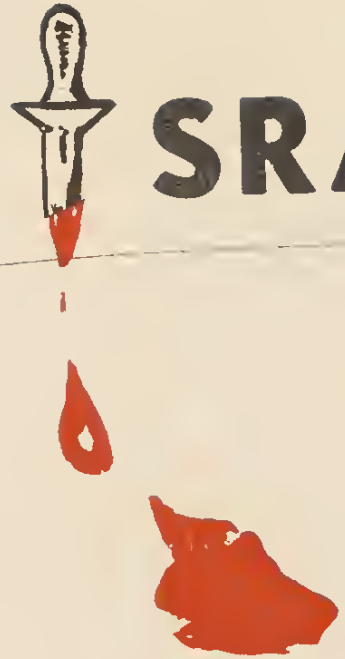

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Truce Committee inspecting the scene of activities.

In the Arab quarters of Gaza.

Water plant

Israeli armaments left within the Egyptian Boundaries.

A civilian murdered.

Women and their babies are not permitted to live even in a tent.

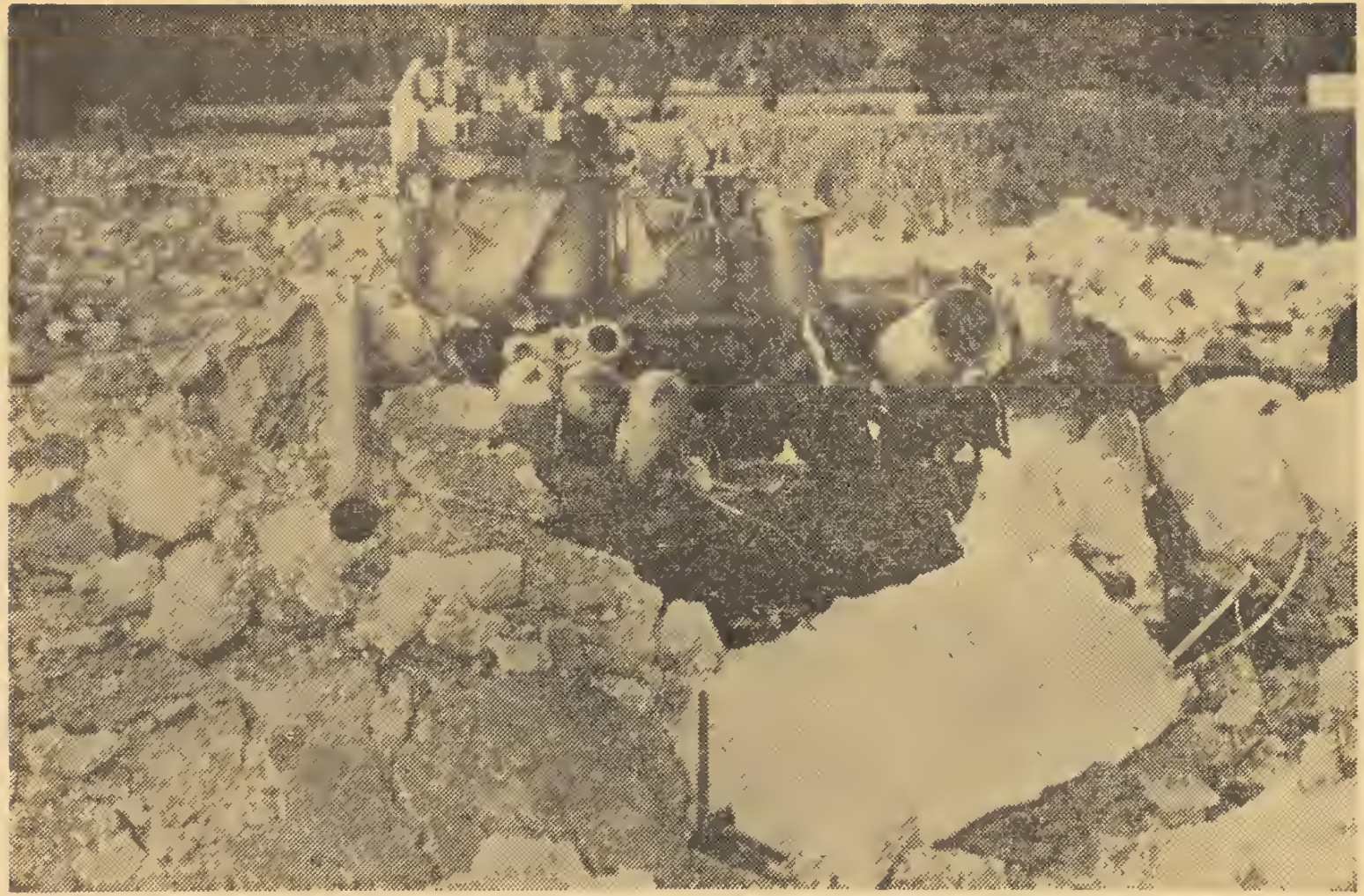
Does he look like a man in arms ?

Arab victim.

Families attacked while in bed.

The U.N.'s food supplies destroyed and on fire.

Tent of the mudered Egyptian officer.



A water pump.

Khan Younis, U.N.'s food-stores.

U.N.'s representative describing the attack.

Army barracks.

Entrance to Egyptian camps.

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When asked for comment on the Gaza strip attack, the Egyptian Embassy today issued the following statement:

The surprise attack launched by Israeli armed forces on Egyptian-controlled territory in Gaza resulting in heavy Egyptian and Palestinian casualties, is a striking example of what Egypt and the other Arab States may expect from Israel, should they allow their better judgment to be influenced by the arguments of those who believe that peace with Israel is possible.

This latest attack is not only a flagrant violation of the Armistice agreement, but of the provisions of the UN Charter, which Israel has persistently flouted. And if Israel can indulge in these violations with impunity, is it conceivable that she can be trusted to observe the terms of any permanent settlement?

Arab statesmen are under no delusion concerning Israel's so-called peace overtures, which are really designed to lull them into a false sense of security, as shown by the fact that Moshe Sharrett, the man who ordered the latest invasion of Egyptian territory, is the same man who, a few hours before, was making an ardent peace appeal to Egypt.

It may be possible, however, that in persisting in these unprovoked attacks, the Israeli leaders hope to force Egypt and the other Arab states to a peace settlement. In this they have made a ghastly mistake, as borne out by Premier Nasser's warning that Egypt, from now on, will meet force with force.

But whatever the motive of Israel's continued aggression, it has served only to aggravate the existing tension in this vital part of the world, and to accentuate Arab bitterness. And unless checked in time, these ruthless attacks are bound to react adversely on Arab relations with the West, in that they will lend credence to the view already held in certain quarters, that Israel could not have adopted this aggressive attitude unless she had reason to believe her action would at least be condoned by the Western powers, which were instrumental in her creation, and whose aid and support have made it possible for her to continue her existence.

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Truce 50 meters limit. Trespassing prohibited.

Water station, Gaza.

The road of retreat showing traces of dragged Israeli casualities.

Supply depot, Khan Younis.

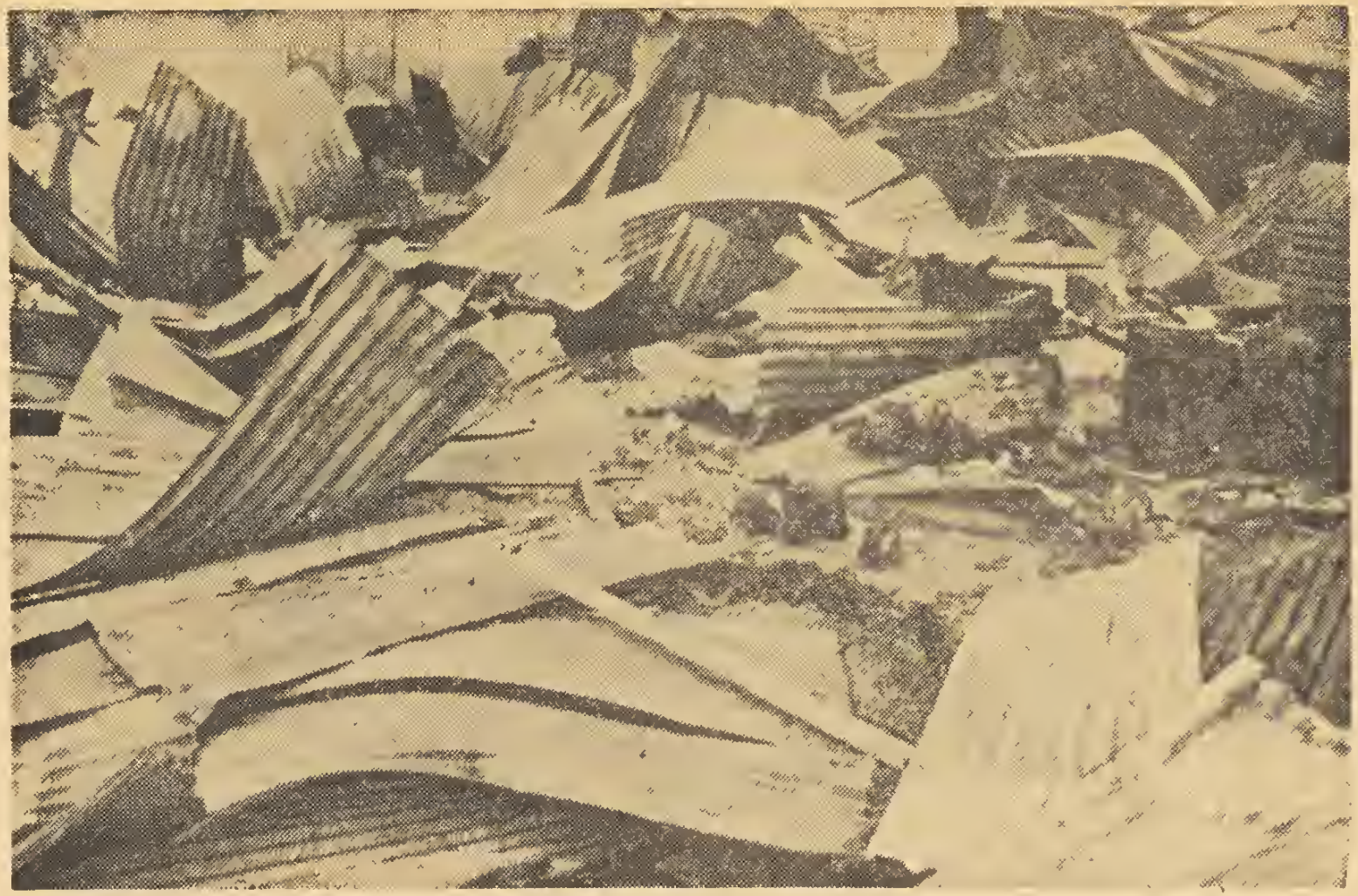
General view of the barracks.

Water plant, Gaza.

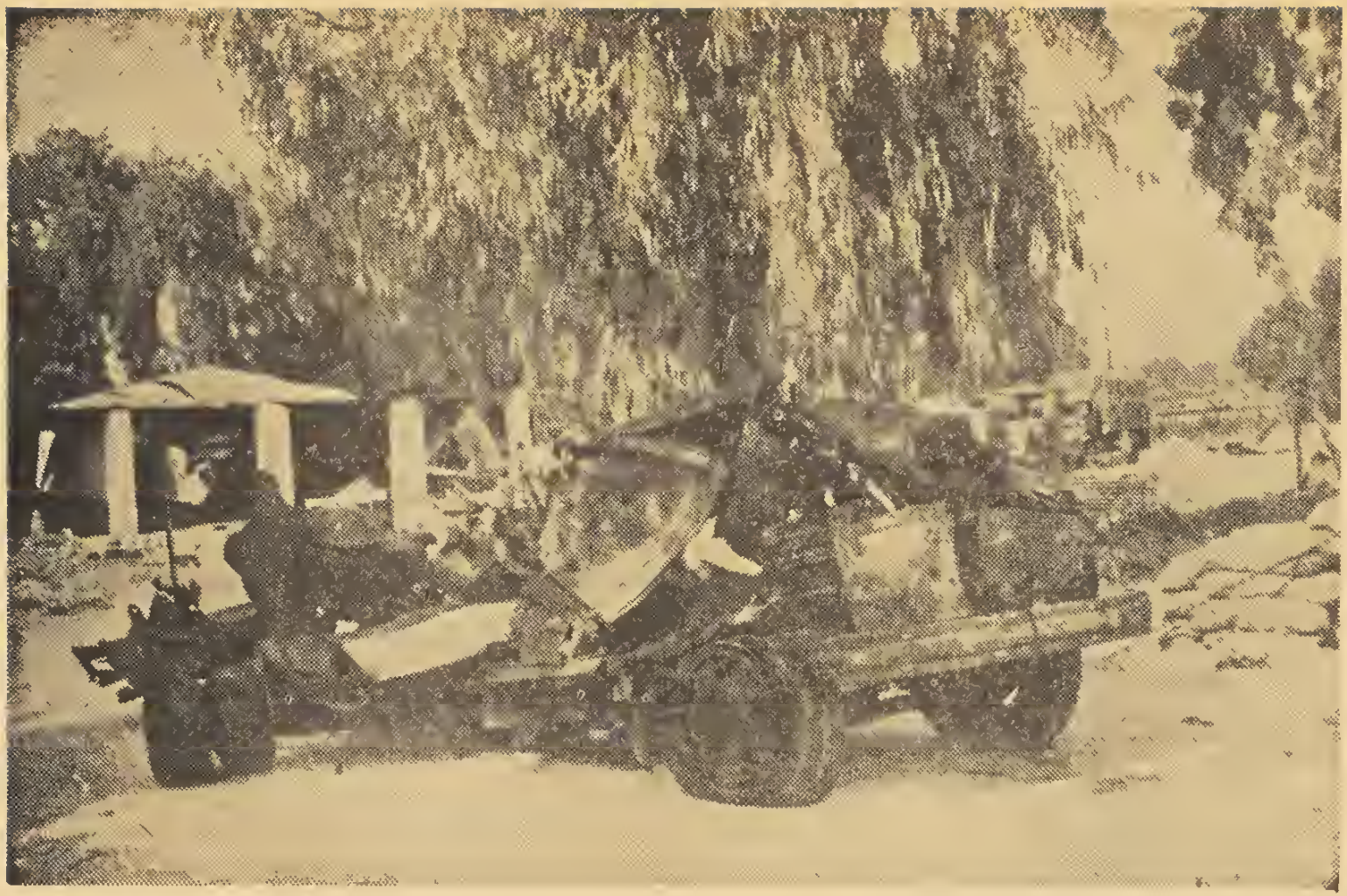
Entrance to the food-stores of U.N. at Khan Younis.

East view of the camps.

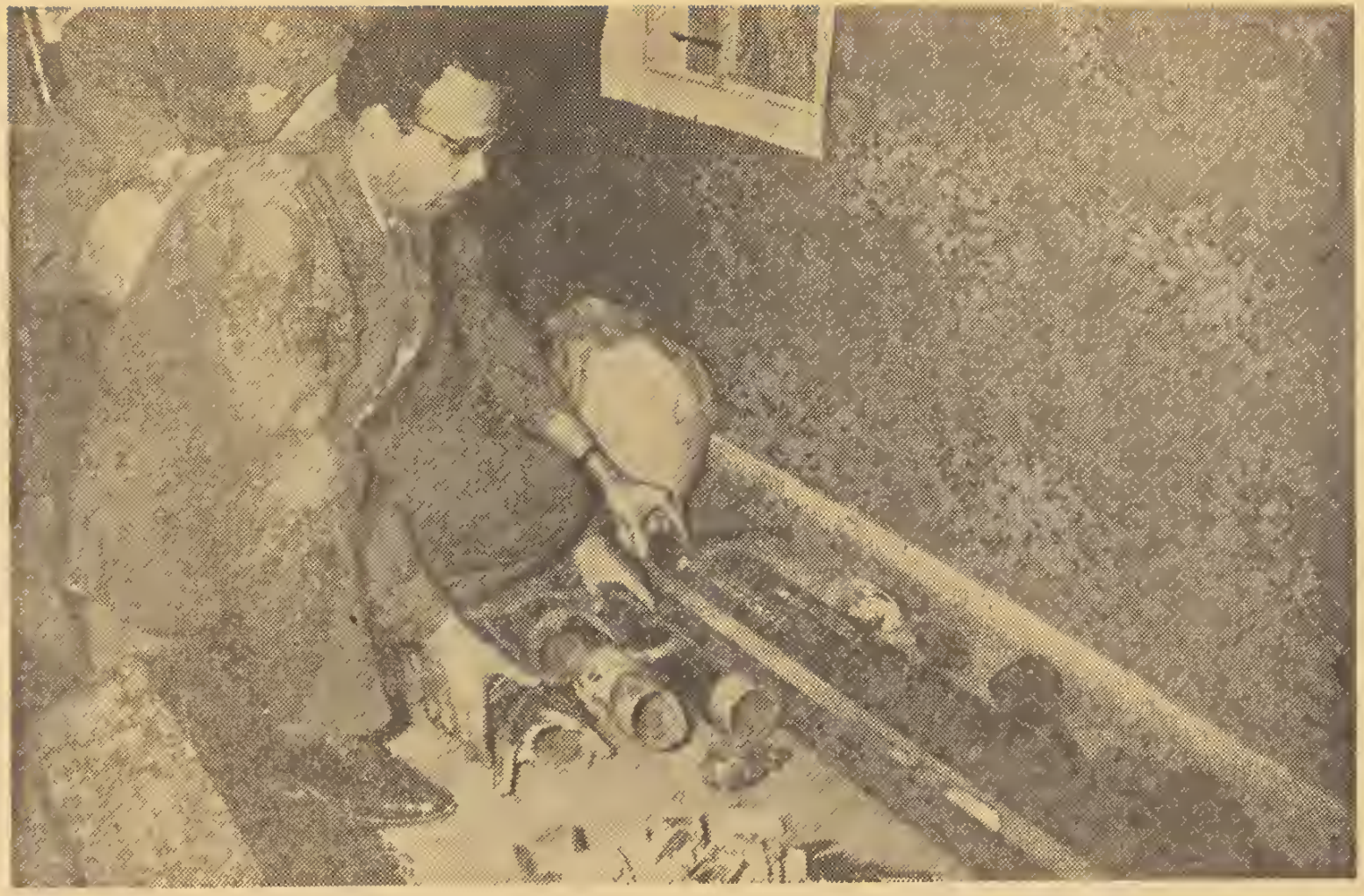
Headquarters of the Camp.



U.N.'s food-depot.



Army transport.



One Egyptian representative examining Israeli abandoned arms.

South view of the barracks.

Army vehicle destroyed.

Even the beasts!